

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification at paragraph 1 of the specification:

[01] This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/409,980 entitled 'Method and Apparatus For Efficient Scalable Storage Management,' by Guha, et al., filed on September 12, 2002, which is incorporated by reference as if set forth herein in its entirety and to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/407,299 entitled 'Method And Apparatus For Power-Efficient High-Capacity Scalable Storage System,' by Guha, et al., filed on September 3, 2002.